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## The Constitution.

ATLANTA, GA.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1877.

Gold opened in New York yesterday at 100% and closed at 103%.

Cotton, middling uplands, closed yesterday in New York at 11 1/2. Liver of 40%.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

To-day France chooses a new chamber of deputies. It is a critical day in a country that has known many such days, and the result of the elections will be anxiously awaited in all the civilized countries of the world. Three manifestoes have placed the questions at issue plainly before the people of the agitated country. President MacMahon led off in an insolent but characteristic address. He is the Grant of France. His besotted obstinacy is proverbial. He practically denied the right of the republican party to exist—the party that made the new constitution, and elevated him to office. His manifesto was but a continuation of the coup of May 16, every word and idea of it being in utter disregard of the spirit of the constitution and of the will of the people.

The manifestoes of Thiers and Gambetta are admirable documents. That of M. Thiers was found among his papers, after his untimely death, by the historian Michelet. It is supposed that he devoted the last hours of his life to its composition. He begins with a defense of the chamber and shows that it had done nothing to alarm the most conservative interests. He points to the three pretenders to the throne, and the last part of his address contains a summary of the principles on which the republican organization ought to be based and around which it should rally. He reviews at the same time the principles of the constitution, and shows how it has been violated by the arbitrary acts of those in power. The government forbids the publication of the dead statesman's address, while it printed thirteen millions copies of MacMahon's manifesto at the expense of the people, and distributed them broadcast over France as a campaign document. But Thiers' address was read and circulated all the more, because of the governmental prohibition. It will live to-day in every part of the country that he loved so well.

The fiery address of the undaunted! Gambetta clenches the nail which Thiers drove. His burning words are hurled straight at the men of the sixteenth May, and at the clerical beholders. He offers no compromise.

In fact, there is no room for compromise. The speech of De Broglie at a meeting of the conservative committee in Paris, aimed to show that the real issue was conservatism or radicalism—MacMahon or Gambetta. But his words are not sustained by the acts of the government, which has officially announced candidates for 512 of the 532 electoral districts, 20 districts in the city of Paris and its immediate neighborhood being given over without contest to the republicans, who are there too strong to make any serious effort against them either profitable or pleasant. The candidates are proclaimed by means of circulars to be distributed by the prefects, and these circulars are headed: "Candidates of the government of Marshal MacMahon, president of the republic." They are divided as follows:

Bonaparte.....\$5  
Legouad.....\$5  
Gambetta.....\$5  
Total.....\$15

It will thus be seen that a clear majority of 32 is accorded to the Bonapartists, and if the country were to answer literally the demand of the marshal, it would give him a chamber in which 56 per cent belonged to the imperialist party.

It is in brief a death struggle between the third republic and a combination of all the reactionary and revolutionary elements in the country. If the government should succeed it would not be long before the marshal-president would find means to substitute the empire for the republic. If the friends of the republican succeed, as seems most probable, they hope to force MacMahon to resign. But would he do so? This is what really lies behind the ballot, and the crisis is near at hand.

The Marshal and Her Son.

FRANKLIN, GA., October 12, 1877.

**Editor:** The article in the number of the 11th instant is all right, except the part about the "old man" being the gentleman in Joseph instead of Joel Miller, and the lady's name is Ada instead of Ida. I will give you a statement of what transpired. J. S. Stephen, sheriff of Fulton county, took a number of men to Frankin, Heard county, Ga. The two livers were not at all reluctant in conversation—but pleasant and agreeable companions with whom to talk. Both were of very good families, and the young man about twelve years old, who they are put upon the market. This is the time in which the cobwebs are expected to grow. The ceaseless activity and bustle of the market, the great number of buyers and sellers, the great number of goods, and in ten minutes can have sampled any line of goods in the building. The first floor is devoted to business offices, the sample room, the reception room, and the like. Of course, vacant spaces are to be had at a reasonable price. And the second floor is occupied by a large number of small tradesmen, and luxuriant in their appointments. Adjoining the business office is a reception room. This room is used for tea, for the reception of guests, &c., (devoted to) for tea, and the like, and the visitor can, while he is awaiting attention, consult the herbocar, or talk to President W. B. or Mr. or Mrs. Hill, an active member of the firm, and have a good time.

Colonel A. G. Haygood, of Emory college, has written a letter to the Southern Christian Advocate on the death of Dr. Duncan, the author of the "Southern Christian Advocate." We regret that we have not space to quote from it. Dr. Duncan died above all prices, and left a widow and a son, and we are sorry to learn that his wife has passed away.

Rev. F. M. Daniel will preach at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock this morning.

Central Baptist church, Rev. A. J. H. Baker, pastor. Mr. Daniel will be in charge of the shipping department, of the post office, and packing house.

St. Philip's Church. There will be divine service in this church at 10:30 a.m., as usual. Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, will direct every Sabbath after 11 o'clock (4 o'clock).

The Second Baptist Church. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At Spalding, pastor.

Rev. F. M. Daniel will preach at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock this morning.

First Methodist church, Rev. J. C. Harrison will preach at 10:30 a.m. The pastor will preach at 7:30 p.m. The subject at night will be "The Kingdom of God."

Trinity M. E. Church, Rev. J. E. Edwards, pastor. Rev. J. C. Harrison will preach at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The pastor will preach at 7:30 p.m. The subject at night will be "The Kingdom of God."

First Presbyterian church—Rev. B. F. Hinckley, pastor. Rev. J. C. Harrison will preach at 10:30 a.m. The pastor will preach at 7:30 p.m. The subject at night will be "The Kingdom of God."

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